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REMARKS

In a telephone conference between Examiner Dinh and Applicants' Representative, David E. Huang, on February 18, 2005, the parties reached an agreement to allow independent claims 1, 9 and 19 if the language of claim 4 were added to these claims and if the remaining dependent claims were amended for consistency. Examiner Dinh agreed to make U.S. Patent No. 6,375,487 of record in this Application.

In reliance of this agreement, Applicants have amended the claims accordingly. As a result, all of the claims should now be in condition for allowance.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue claims similar to those pending in this Application prior to this Amendment in one or more related Applications.

In view of the foregoing remarks, this Application should be in condition for allowance. A Notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Amendment, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicants' Representative at the number below.

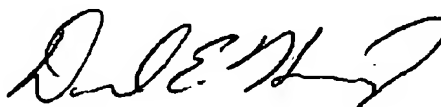
Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this Amendment, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0901.

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If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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